(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government have already constituted a National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities to recommend welfare measures, including reservation in education and government employment, for the socially and economically backward sections among the religious linguistic minorities.

Employment for physically challenged persons

†764. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any proposals for Central assistance to provide employment assistance and professional guidance to the unemployed youths belonging to the physically challenged category;

(b) if so, the financial years for which the assistance is yet to be released; and

(c) the reasons for delay in the allocation of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Childline service

†765. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towns/cities where childline service is available;

(b) whether Government are considering to introduce the same in other towns/cities also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the competent institutions providing this service, State-wise?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Childline service is available in 83 cities.

(b) and (c) Yes, Madam preparatory work to launch the service in new cities is an ongoing exercise undertaken by Childline India Foundation, Mumbai, the nodal agency for monitoring and expansion of Childline service.

(d) The information is available at official web site of the Ministry, *viz* www.socialjustice.nic.in.

Construction of juvenile homes

†766. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States from where proposals for construction of juvenile homes under the 'Programme for Juvenile Justice' a Centrally Sponsored Scheme have been received during the last two years along with the amount released to them during the said period;

(b) whether the amount so released has been fully utilized and the task has been accomplished; and

(c) if not, the number of the works yet to be completed and by when these would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The proposals were received from the States of Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Mizoram and Tamil Nadu during 2003-04 and Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal during 2004-05. The amount released for construction during two years was Rs. 98,66,900/- and Rs. 4,02,60,438/- respectively.

(b) and (c) The funds are released to the State Governments during a financial year on submission of a utilization certificate for the funds released in earlier years for completion of projects taken up by them. All States which were released funds for setting up of homes under the Juvenile Justice (Care and protection of Children) Act, 2000 during 2003-04 had

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